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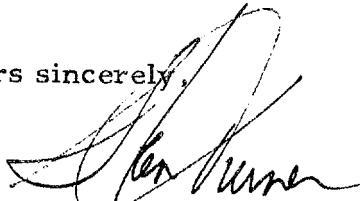
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The Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The General Counsel of the CIA has come up with a concern as to whether my designation of an Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence is in fact a legal step. Accordingly, I have asked him to consult on this issue with the Department of Justice. I just wanted to keep you informed on this. I will let you know when we hear back from the Department of Justice.

Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER



Washington, D. C. 20505

18 NOV 1977

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As I mentioned to you the other day, the General Counsel of the CIA has come up with a concern as to whether my designation of an Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence is in fact a legal step. Accordingly, I have asked him to consult on this issue with the Department of Justice. I just wanted to keep you informed on this. I will let you know when we hear back from the Department of Justice.

Incidentally, we believe this case is different from that of the Acting Director of OMB. The provisions of statute call for the Deputy Director of OMB to fill in for the Director when that post is vacant, whereas there is no such provision for the Deputy Director for Administration of the Central Intelligence Agency to become the Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Thanks for your time the other day and your considerable assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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STANSFIELD TURNER

Washington, D.C. 20505

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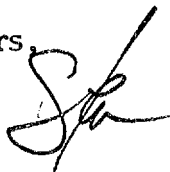
The Honorable Charles H. Percy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chuck,

Thanks so much for sending me the copy of your statement on the Helms case. I'm most grateful, also, for the way in which that statement helps to clear the air. It is certainly right on from my point of view. I am blessed by having the Select Committee on Intelligence to prevent my being placed in the kind of position that Dick Helms was.

Looking forward to a tennis game soon. In the meantime, thanks again.

Yours,



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The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency



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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Bob S. Bergland  
The Secretary of Agriculture

SUBJECT: Post-mortem on Predictions on  
Soviet Grain

I asked my staff for a post-mortem on our prediction on Soviet grain. Enclosed is a short paper that they gave me on this. I thought it would interest you also. One of these days perhaps we should sit down together and talk about how we can improve our accuracy, how much emphasis is warranted in this area, and whether there is anything else we can do at the CIA end to support you better.

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The Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C. 20505

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NOTE FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

Attached is a think piece on the attitudes  
of the various players in the Rhodesian scene  
towards a partial settlement. I thought it  
would be of interest to you, and possibly to  
the President.



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Attachment

cc: Secretary of State

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